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Letter dated 2 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the violent incidents on the border between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/Kosovo and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia issued on 28 February 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the violent incidents on the border between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/Kosovo and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia issued on 28 February 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union expresses its strong concern about the recent escalation of violence in the border region between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/Kosovo and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and in particular the exchange of fire in the village of Tanusevci on Monday afternoon.

The European Union strongly condemns the rising number of violent incidents in this area, and calls on all involved to isolate the extremists.

The European Union urges all parties to respect the border demarcation agreement between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed in Skopje on 23 February, and reiterates its strong attachment to the principle of inviolability of borders, including the territorial integrity of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

A peaceful and stable former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, within internationally recognized borders, is an important condition for furthering the integration of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia within the European Union soon, through the signing of a Stabilization and Association Agreement.